

Applicant: Shahrier et al.
Application No.: 10/078,946

REMARKS

This amendment is filed to consolidate the claims of two parent applications into this application which currently has claims generic to both prior applications. A Request for Express Abandonment is being filed concurrently under separate cover for the prior application, namely Application Nos. 09/997,922 and 10/026,060.

By this amendment new claims 3-15 have been added. As a result, the currently pending claims correspond to the claims of International Application No. PCT/US02/04372 as follows:

Current Claims	PCT Claims
1	1
2	15
3-15	2-14

A copy of the favorable International Preliminary Examination Report regarding the PCT application was previously submitted in a Communication dated July 17, 2003.

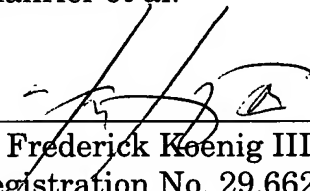
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Early consideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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